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Boston. (U.S.) July 6. 1858.

J. Brown Esq.

Dear Sir - In response to your very polite invitation, on behalf of the Publisher of the "Imperial Dictionary of Biography," that I would furnish certain notices of men famous in the Anti-Slavery Cause [i.e. in this country] for the pages of that work, I would say that I am sensible of the honour done to me by your request, as well as of the responsibility it lays upon me if I undertake a compliance. This, with your consent, I will undertake, and will endeavour to accomplish as well as I may be able, - promising only to use my best efforts, to which I shall certainly be strongly moved by a desire that the favourable opportunity afforded for a brief delineation of the true character of the American Anti-Slavery movement, and of the principal persons who have been active in it, may be improved as fully as your limits will allow, and fairly to all ~~persons~~ parties concerned.

I entirely agree with you that it will be better to use the space afforded (which, if I correctly read the word, is ten pages, for all the notices I am expected to furnish,) in giving ampler notice of a few leading persons, than shorter and less satisfactory notices of a larger number. — I fear I may be a little puzzled to determine how fast I may be using up that space; for at present I have but a very faint idea how much of my Ms. may go to the page. — If not too much trouble to you, Sir, I should gladly learn from you how many columns (or pages) are already occupied by what you ^{may} have determined to accept, of the matter already sent by me, to the end of the letter D.

I would say that I forwarded a short biographical notice of Casius M. Clay of Kentucky, for your Dictionary, (through Mr. Richard D. Webb of Dublin, Publisher,) about a fortnight since, which I hope was not too late.

I suppose that Professor Nichol would be kindly willing to communicate any word from

you, for me, to my correspondent in Dublin.
I have nothing more to furnish to the end
of letter D; - nothing in E. When will the
letters F. and G. be required?

I would gladly know - if you are prepared
to give the information - if the publication of
the work will await its entire completion, or
if the several volumes will be sent forth as
each is completed.

I am, respectfully Yours,
(Signed) S. M. Jr.

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